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1-PANAMA CITY--U.S. DATELINE COVERAGE OF TREATY-RELATED STORIES
RELATIVELY LIGHT IN SEPTEMBER 29 PRESS AS WAS COVERAGE OF TORRIJOS
ISRAEL TRIP. MORE SPACE GIVEN TO ACTIVITIES OF TREATY OPPONENTS
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TROLLED DAILIES, MATUTINO AND CRITICA, CARRIED FRONT PAGE PHOTOS
OF INDEPENDENT LAWYER'S MOVEMENT ANTI-TREATY SYMPOSIUM HELD WEDNESDAY
NIGHT. CRITICA FURTHER DEDICATED FULL INTERIOR PAGE TO STORY ON
SAME MEETING.

2-LA ESTRELLA CARRIED INDEPENDENT LAWYERS' MEETING TOP PAGE ONE
WITH FOLLOWING LEAD: "ACCORDING TO A CRITICAL EXAMINATION OF THE

TREATIES MADE LAST NIGHT BY THE INDEPENDENT LAWYERS' MOVEMENT, THE DOCUMENTS SIGNED SEPTEMBER 7 ARE NOT FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT FROM THE TREATIES REJECTED IN 1967; THEY LEGALIZE THE MILITARY BASES, THEY CONTEMPLATE A SUI GENERIS NEUTRALITY, THEY ESTABLISH A KIND OF PERPETUITY, THEY LEAVE PANAMA SUBJECT TO PERMANENT INTERVENTION AND DO NOT CREATE A NEW RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PANAMA AND THE UNITED STATES."

3-THE INDEPENDENT LAWYERS' MOVEMENT MEETING WAS CARRIED LIVE BY CHANNEL 2 TV ON PRIME TIME FROM 7:30 UNTIL NEARLY 10 P.M.

4-MATUTINO AND CRITICA AGAIN RAN FULL PAGE DISPLAYS OF STUDENT ORIGINATED ANTI-TREATY ARTICLES, TODAY'S FROM THE CAMILO TORRES CIRCLE. REGARDING THE ANTI-TREATY NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY, CRITICA'S GOSSIP COLUMN, "FROM THE COFFEE SHOP", SAID, "THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT ONLY PAYING FOR SPACE IN THE PRESS IN WHICH THE TREATY OPPONENTS CAN GIVE THEIR POINT OF VIEW, BUT IT IS NOT EVEN PROPAGANDIZING THE PUBLIC TO VOTE "YES." NEVERTHELESS, PAGES ARE APPEARING ASKING THE PEOPLE TO VOTE "NO." ONE COULDN'T ASK FOR MORE."

5-THE STORY OF THE EX-SERGEANT ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED IN TREATY ESPIONAGE SURFACED AGAIN ON PAGE ONE IN LA ESTRELLA, STAR & HERALD AND MATUTINO. IT WAS TREATED PROMINENTLY IN LA ESTRELLA AND THE STAR & HERALD WITH THE FOLLOWING HEAD OVER A WASHINGTON AP CABLE: "SOLDIER MUST HAVE BEEN DOUBLE AGENT ACCORDING TO CBS." MATUTINO RAN A PANAMA (ACAN-EFE) STORY WITH RETIRED SERGEANT HOR RODRIGUEZ UNCLASSIFIED

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BRUSTMEYER'S DENIAL AS CARRIED BY CHANNEL 2 HERE SEPTEMBER 27. (NOTE: RODRIGUEZ CALLED THE STATION FROM HIS HOME IN COLON, ADMITTING HIS STATUS AS A RETIRED SERGEANT BUT DENYING INVOLVED IN ESPIONAGE.) ITEM UNQUOTE GONZALEZ

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